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INFORMATION ON TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE

The applicant is reminded that the "national phase" must be entered before each of the designated Offices indicated on the cover sheet of this Notification by paying national fees and furnishing translations, as prescribed by Articles 22 and 39 and the applicable national laws. In addition, the applicant may also have to comply with other special requirements applicable in certain Offices. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the necessary steps to enter the national phase are taken in a timely fashion. Most Offices do not issue reminders to applicants in connection with the entry into the national phase.

The applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, subject to what is said in the following paragraph, be 30 MONTHS from the priority date, not only in respect of any elected Office if a demand for International preliminary examination is filled before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (see Article 39(1)), but also in respect of any designated Office, in the absence of filling of such demand, where Article 22(1) as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 applies in respect of that designated Office. For further details, see PCT Gazette No. 44/2001 of 1 November 2001, pages 19826, 19832 and 19834, as well as the PCT Newsletter, October and November 2001 and February 2002 issues.

In practice, time limits other than the 30-month time limit will continue to apply, for various periods of time, in respect of cartain designated or elected Offices. For regular updates on the applicable time limits (20, 21, 30 or 31 months, or other time limit), Office by Office, refer to the PCT Gezette ("Section IV" part published on a weekly basis), to the PCT Newsletter (on a monthly basis) and to the relevant National Chapters in Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide (the paper version of which is updated usually twice a year and the internet version of which is updated usually on a weekly basis). Finally, a cumulative table of all applicable time limits for entering the national phase is available from WiPO's internet site, via links from various pages the site including those of the Gazette, Newsletter and Guide, at http://www.wipo.int/pct/ervindex.html.

Information about the requirements for filling a demand for international preliminary examination is set out in the PCT Applicant's Guide, Volume I/A, Chapter IX. Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination (at present, all PCT Contracting States are bound by Chapter II).

REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

For applicants who have not yet complied with the requirements regarding priority documents, the following is recalled.

Where the priority of an earlier national, regional or international application is claimed, the applicant must submit a copy of the sald earlier application, cartified by the authority with which it was filed ("the priority document") to the receiving Office (which will transmit it to the International Bureau) or directly to the International Bureau, before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, provided that any such priority document may still be submitted to the international Bureau before that date of international publication of the International application, in which case that document will be considered to have been received by the International Bureau on the last day of the 16-month time limit (Rule 17.1(a)).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document to the international Bureau. Such request must be made before the expiration of the 16-month time limit and may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment of a fee (Rule 17.1(b)).

If the priority document concerned is not submitted to the International Bureau or if the request to the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document has not been made (and the corresponding fee, if any, paid) within the applicable time limit indicated under the preceding paragraphs, any designated State may disregard the priority claim, provided that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within the time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances (Rule 17.1(o)).

Where several priorities are claimed, the priority date to be considered for the purposes of computing the 18-month time limit (and all other PCT time limits) is the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed (Article 2(xi)(b)).